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PART-III GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA ELECTION DEPARTMENT

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashoka Road,
New Delhi-110001

Dated the 21st October, 2024

29th Asvina, 1946 (Saka)

NOTIFICATION

No.576/EXIT/2024/SDR/Vol.I: - Whereas, the schedule for the current general elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Jharkhand & Maharashtra and bye elections to 48 Assembly Constituencies and 2 Parliamentary Constituencies (as per Annexure-1), has been announced by the Election Commission *vide* Press Note No. ECI/PN/149/2024 and No. ECI/PN/150/2024 both dated 15th October, 2024; and

2. Whereas, Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (in short R.P. Act, 1951) specifies that "(1) No person shall conduct any exit poll and publish or publicise by means of the print or electronic media or disseminate in any other manner, whatsoever, the result of any exit poll during such period, as may be notified by the Election Commission in this regard.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), the Election Commission shall, by a general order, notify the date and time having due regard to the following, namely: —

(a) in case of a general election, the period may commence from the beginning of the hours fixed for poll on the first day of poll and continue till half an hour after closing of the poll in all the States and Union territories;

(b) In case of a bye-election or a number of bye-elections held together, the period may commence from the beginning of the hours fixed for poll on and from the first day of poll and continue till half an hour after closing of the poll;

Provided that in case of a number of bye-elections held together on different days, the period may commence from the beginning of the hours fixed for poll on the first day of poll and continue till half an hour after closing of the last poll.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine or with both. "

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers under sub-Section (1) of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of Sub-Section (2) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between **7.00 A.M. on 13.11.2024 (Wednesday) and 6.30 P.M. on 20.11.2024 (Wednesday)** as the period during which conducting and publishing or publicizing exit poll by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the aforesaid General and bye elections, shall be prohibited.

4. It is further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of the poll in connection with the aforesaid general and bye-elections.

By Order

S. B. JOSHI,
Principal Secretary

B. D. R. TIWARI,
Chief Electoral Officer,
Meghalaya.

Annexure-1

Sl. No.	Name of State	Assembly Constituency No./Parliamentary Constituency No. & Name
1.	Assam	11-Dholai(SC) AC
2.		31-Sidli(ST) AC
3.		32-Bongaigaon AC
4.		77-Behali AC
5.		88-Samaguri AC
6.	Bihar	196-Tarari AC
7.		203-Ramgarh AC
8.		227-Imamganj(SC) AC
9.		232-Belaganj AC
10.	Chhattisgarh	51-Raipur City South AC
11.	Gujarat	7-Vav AC
12.	Karnataka	83-Shiggaon AC
13.		95-Sandur(ST) AC
14.		185-Channapatna AC
15.	Kerala	56-Palakkad AC
16.		61-Chelakkara(SC) AC
17.		4-Wayanad PC
18.	Madhya Pradesh	156-Budhni AC
19.		02-Vijaypur AC
20.	Maharashtra	16-Nanded PC
21.	Meghalaya	56-Gambegre(ST) AC
22.	Punjab	10-Dera Baba Nanak AC
23.		44-Chabbewal(SC) AC
24.		84-Gidderbaha AC
25.		103-Barnala AC
26.	Rajasthan	27-Jhunjhunu AC
27.		67-Ramgarh AC
28.		88-Dausa AC
29.		97-Deoli-Uniara AC
30.		110-Khinwsar AC
31.		156-Salumber(ST) AC
32.		161-Chorasi(ST) AC
33.	Sikkim	07-Soreng-Chakung AC
34.		11-Namchi-Singhithang AC
35.	Uttar Pradesh	16-Meerapur AC
36.		29-Kundarki AC
37.		56-Ghaziabad AC
38.		71-Khair(SC) AC
39.		110-Karhal AC
40.		213-Sishamau AC
41.		256-Phulpur AC
42.		277-Katehari AC
43.		397-Majhawan AC
44.	Uttarakhand	07-Kedarnath AC
45.	West Bengal	06-Sitai(SC) AC
46.		14-Madarihat(ST) AC
47.		104-Naihati AC
48.		121-Haroa AC
49.		236-Medinipur AC
50.		251-Taldangra AC